

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 5.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 5 as follows:

~~In order to achieve the aforementioned object, the~~ The present invention provides a method for the preparation of naphthalene dicarboxylic acid by oxidizing dimethylnaphthalene with oxygen in air in the presence of acetic acid solvent using the metal catalysts of cobalt and manganese, and using bromine as a reaction initiator, wherein the temperature of said oxidation reaction is 155 to 180° C.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 10 as follows:

Also, the charge of nitrogen, an off-gas where the concentration of oxygen is lowered ~~after~~ by prior oxidation reaction, or a mixture thereof into the upper portion of the reactor can prevent a risk of explosion inside the reactor owing to excess oxygen.

Please add the abstract of the disclosure on the following page.